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Entire Sprague Production Dedicated Each Week To War Heroes

St. John's Choir On Easter Radio Program



The combined choirs of St. John's, with the "Sprague on Parade" chorus present Easter Music.

F. Crosier

On Wednesday before Easter — March 28th, the "Sprague on Parade" program was devoted entirely to the spirit of Holy Week. Guest singers for the occasion were members of St. John's Choir under the direction of Mr. James M. Chambers.

The program opened with the hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" by the combined voices of St. John's and the Sprague Radio Chorus. St. John's presented two choruses of Dubois' cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ." In the first, Mr. Englebert Schmidt sang the words from the cross beginning: "Father Forgive Them." In the second chorus, Mr. Schmidt sang the words of the thief, beginning: "Lord Remember Me." Larry Madison sang the words of Christ "Verily,

Thou Shalt be With Me Today in Paradise."

The Sprague Chorus, with Charlotte Lasher as soloist, sang "God So Loved the World" from the cantata "The Darkest Hour", by Moore. Mrs. Lasher also sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from the Messiah, and this seemed to the writer, her best work in a year of radio solos.

"Sanctus", from Gounod's "St. Cecilia Mass" was offered by the chorus and its interpretation by Mr. Madison, both in the tenor solo and in the choral direction was eminently satisfying.

The program closed with the hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" with the combined choirs and the studio audience of sixty persons joining in.

by Robert Shoemaker

Sprague Workers Lend A Helping Hand

The United National Clothing Collection represents the kind of an effort to which the employees of the Sprague Electric Company always respond with generous hearts and willing hands. The urgent need of millions of civilians, in liberated or to be liberated nations, for clothing is certain and great.

The world-wide collection is undertaken by an international agency, The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, of which the United States is a participant.

North Adams' share in this big job has been set at 50 tons! We at Sprague's are not only anxious to do whatever we can to help but, as always, we are interested in seeing the community meet its quota. What is needed is good substantial used clothing, for both winter and summer wear—for men, women, children and infants; also bedding, sheets, afghans, etc. Although clothing need not be in perfect repair, it must be useful to the people who will receive it. Under-

Navy-Built LVT's Helped Ferry Army in Historic Dash Across Rhine

As always when there is a tough beach-busting job to do, LVT's were in the vanguard when the Army — calling upon the Navy for the first time in history to help it cross an inland river—made its spectacular moonlight dash across the Rhine.

Alligators and Water Buffaloes helped out not only to get the U. S. Ninth Army across to the industrial Ruhr, but also to land General Patton's Third Army, including the famed Fourth Armored "breakthrough" Division, far-

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Plenty of Strike-Back In Enemy, V-Mails S-Sgt. Quimby

Germany, March 14, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

The latest Log which I received contained an Atlas of the World, and that little, beautifully-bound address book. The latter was especially appreciated for I've lost two such books since hitting the E.T.O., and often have to write home to Mom for someone's address that has eluded my poor memory.

This country is very scenic, but the beauty was marred before we arrived by all the fortifications that Jerry tried to halt us with.

The news looks good — but they still have plenty of strike-back in them and we don't get too worked up about it ending soon. The boys and gals over here just go right on as if it were a ceaseless thing and when it does end, it will probably surprise us tremendously.

Say hello for me there at the Plant. The first furlough I get is reserved for my wife and folks — but I'll sure be around to see you all.

Sincerely,
Lew

Who Have Given Lives For Their Country

Beginning with the week of April 16, the entire production of the Sprague Electric Company is each week dedicated to the memory of a former Sprague worker who has given his life for his country in this war.

Appropriate announcement cards in frames are posted each Saturday throughout the three plants so that Sprague workers will all know the name of the hero for whom they are giving their full effort. At the end of each week, the announcement cards will be changed.

Over the plant broadcasting system, in the LOG, on the weekly "Sprague On Parade" radio program over WTRY, appropriate announcements regarding the dedication of the week's war work will be properly noted.

The names of the men in whose honor this weekly re-dedication is being made, and the order in which they will be presented, are:—(rank, name, date of death, and department.)

**The Entire Production
of the Sprague Electric Company
is dedicated the week indicated,
to the memory of:**

WEEK OF APRIL 16TH

Sgt. Vincent Pisano—Died July 2, '43

From Machine Shop

WEEK OF APRIL 23RD

Pvt. Thomas B. Dean—Died July 29, '43

From Bathtub Assem.

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Sprague Family Serving On The Home Front and the War Front



The Allard family serving on the Home Front are: Jeanne Zdon, Lucille, Joseph, Mrs. Alice Allard, (mother) Alice, and Rita, all of whom work at the Beaver Plant, with the exception of Joseph, who is in the K.V.A. Department at Brown Street. In service are: Walter Zdon, husband of Jeanne, stationed in North Carolina, Cpl. Conrad Allard, formerly of K.V.A. and now in a Belgium hospital according to latest information received by his family and Warrant Officer Wilfred Allard who has been stationed in England for the past two years.

F. Crosier—

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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"LET US HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE"

We feel sure that every earnest Sprague worker will approve thoroughly of the dedication of our daily work to the memory of those former Sprague workers who have given their lives for their country. There are not many things that you and I can do for these men. They have done everything they could possibly do for you and me. Lest we forget—as the war in Germany wanes,—and lest we forget the continued seriousness of the war with Japan,—let us dedicate, not only our work but ourselves, to the task yet remaining before us. What more effective and practical way can we take, than to put **MORE** meaning into each week's work, dedicating it to our fellow workers who have made the supreme sacrifice?

Sprague Production Dedicated to War Heroes

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WEEK OF APRIL 30TH

Pvt. Leon L. Rivard—Died January 16, '44

WEEK OF MAY 7TH

Pfc. Arthur D. Miller—Died July 5, '44

WEEK OF MAY 14TH

Seymour B. Gitelson A.O.M. 2-c—Died July 8, '44

WEEK OF MAY 21ST

John Mancuso S 2-c—Died July 11, '44

WEEK OF MAY 28TH

Pfc. Wm. J. Skarabonia—Died August 9, '44

WEEK OF JUNE 4TH

Pvt. Robert D. Dame—Died August 15, '44

WEEK OF JUNE 11TH

Pvt. Norbert Miller—Died September 11, '44

WEEK OF JUNE 18TH

Pfc. Wm. K. Dempsey—Died September 19, '44

WEEK OF JUNE 25TH

Pfc. Wm. E. Derosia—Died October 2, '44

WEEK OF JULY 2ND

Pfc. Robert A. Button—Died January 21, '45

WEEK OF JULY 9TH

Pvt. Daniel Mahoney—Died February 25, '45

WEEK OF JULY 16TH

Sgt. James A. Dippold—Died March 10, '45

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Blood Bank to Visit North Adams, May 8th

This is just a reminder of the date the Blood Bank Unit will visit North Adams. Those desiring to donate to this cause may get information at the Dispensary.

The Check Inspection Department

By Crawford Bellows

During the past several years, Sprague quality standards are met, especially the last four, great strides have been made in the electrical and radio fields. It therefore holds true that the Sprague Electric Company must maintain the same pace of developments as the rest of the industry. In order to maintain the high quality standards required to keep our armed forces well equipped, the Sprague Company has set up an inspection station that operates under the jurisdiction of the Production Engineering Department. This Department is better known to all as the Check Inspection Department.

The Check Inspection Department works in close cooperation with the Sprague units are of the highest quality Government inspectors to see that our components, and guarantee that

New President of Berkshire County Traffic Association



James Knox, Foreman of Shipping Departments, Elected President of Berkshire County Traffic Assoc.

At the annual dinner and election of officers of the Berkshire County Traffic Association, James Knox was elected the office of Vice-President during the past year, and has earned this honor. Jimmie has had much experience in expediting and shipping, thereby making him a qualified and capable member of the Association. Congratulations and may your year as President be an enjoyable and successful one.

Marvin Williams Receives Ration Board Appointment

The many friends of Marvin Williams were pleased to read of his appointment to the local Ration Board. Mr. Williams will serve as information director and his job will be to obtain publicity on OPA rulings and directives, and public co-operation in support of them. Much of his work will involve school, social and fraternal organizations. Since joining the Sprague Organization, Mr. Williams has become very popular locally and should make a good man for this office. He is wished the best of luck.

Jack Washburn on Nominating Committee

John D. Washburn, personnel manager of the Sprague Electric Company was appointed a member of the nominating committee of the Berkshire Safety Council at a meeting held at the Wendell-Sheraton hotel in Pittsfield, April 3rd.

Arthur Mathews, safety director of the Company also attended this meeting at which plans were discussed for expanding the membership of the Berkshire Safety Council. This campaign got under way April 10th.

Navy-Built LVT's Helped Ferry Army in Historic Dash Across Rhine

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ther south between Worms and Mainz. This time it was more than 200 miles from the nearest ocean, and their cross-water charge followed a barrage laid down by field artillery, instead of the Naval bombardment to which LVT crewmen are accustomed.

Presence of the Naval forces in Europe was a closely-guarded secret. They trained for months with Army combat engineers on the smaller rivers of France and Belgium. To insure the secrecy, the sailors wore Army khaki field uniforms and Army helmets.

In training, these men of the sea trudged through mud along with the doughboys. Even the boats were disguised. The blue hulls were painted olive drab.

The largest incandescent lamp is a 50,000-watt bulb, bigger than a basketball. It is used occasionally for special flood lighting purposes, costs \$500 and consumes enough current to light 600 homes. The smallest is the size of a grain of wheat and was developed first for surgical use. Now at war, it signals the bombardier when a death-dealing "egg" is released.

WHERE SPRAGUE UNITS UNDERGO RIGID INSPECTION BEFORE BEING SHIPPED TO WAR FRONTS



Harold Tourjee -- Supervisor of Beaver Street Check Inspection, "Pete" Mancuso, Supervisor of Brown Check Inspection, and Linda Brown, Clerk, testing units in the well-equipped Department of the Beaver Plant.

—by F. Crosier

CO-OPERATION

By Peter Mancuso

Every production worker is part of that Department,—Check Inspection. Through this Department, we can safeguard our servicemen—your sons—your brothers or your sweethearts, by seeing that these parts destined for war fronts, are in perfect condition.

When Department foremen and supervisors—yes, and employees on production, fully realize the importance of this Department, how and why it functions as it does, they will want to cooperate instead of thinking: "Well, what will the Check Inspectors reject next!"

Let me explain how this Department functions: A Concern sends in their prints of a condenser they want to our Sales Office. "More orders are pending," they state, "if the contract is filled in due date." The prints are then placed in the hands of our Engineering Department who calculate and figure the type, and department which will fill the order. Then the finished papers go back to the Sales Office.

A sample of the order is issued to the Sample Department. Here units are first made to iron out the "kinks" of the job. When finished, the units are shipped to the Concern for approval. If the units are acceptable, a detail specification is made out, the order is scheduled and a delivery date is given.

The manufacturing orders are placed with production heads and the formality of ordering stock and materials is started. All of the information necessary for the material, scheduling, manufacturing, testing and inspection is given in the detail specifications.

Every Department participating, whether Molding, Assembly, Impregnating, Cleaning or Stamping, is pushing this order. After production has

given the final electrical and mechanical tests, the units are presented to the "tyrant" or Check Inspector. Now, the Foreman and final supervisors get a cold sweat: Has the incoming inspector passed the material on an exception which may become more predominant in the completed units? Have the supervisors all down the line kept proper supervision on the work? Have the group leaders checked specifications which frequently change—before giving out the material.

Let us peek at the Check Inspector at work. He goes through specifications and drawings which give him information concerning the construction and assembly of the units, bill of material, what and how to roll, information on winding or stacking, completed mechanical dimensions, markings and all electrical test requirements.

The inspector uses a sample scheme which is a percentage of the lot to be shipped and with the use of specifications the units are checked. At the same time he bears in mind the quality of the material to meet the firm and rigid requirements of the Navy Signal Corps or the Air Force inspection. **The failure of a condenser may cause the loss of life.**

The inspector's sample must pass all electrical and mechanical tests. All parts must be of good and careful workmanship.

The inspector's job is not to reject material—but rather to see that the material meets all requirements specified by the customer. He is not a "bottleneck", but a part of the machinery required to get components out into the war-torn world so equipment of utmost importance is NOT held up.

Cooperation and understanding do wonders in these critical times. Cooperation...plus our best work...

Sprague Workers Lend Helping Hand

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clothing and all types of cotton garments should be washed before they are donated, but need not be ironed. (Evening dresses, tuxedos, and dress suits *cannot be used*.)

The donated garments will be shipped to the war-devastated countries on the basis of the greatest immediate need and available shipping space. It will be distributed free to the needy without discrimination. The United National Collection depot in North Adams is at the former Penney Store on Main Street and is clearly identified. The collection will be underway all during the month of April.

More than 125 million people of which more than 30 million are children are subject to the extremes of heat, cold, exposure, and disease in war-devastated countries. They depend upon help from the people of America. YOU are the people of America. This is another opportunity for the employees of Sprague to "lend a willing and a helping hand." It will be done!

by F. Windover

Welcome to George Seidman

The Application Engineering Department is pleased to announce that Mr. George Seidman has joined our staff as of April 1 this year. Mr. Seidman comes to us from the Eclipse Division of Bendix and was formerly in charge of Bendix Eclipse sub-contracts at the Master Electric Company at Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, and has had wide experience in the Electrical Engineering Field.

We take this occasion to welcome him to the Sprague Electric Company.

New Member Welcomed to Laboratory Staff

The Sprague organization is glad to welcome Mr. Francis H. Bush, a graduate chemist, to the personnel of the Beaver Street Laboratories. His work will consist in part of investigating chemical aspects of condensers.

Mr. Bush is a native of North Adams, attended the local schools, and graduated from St. Alexander's College, Pointe Gatineau, Quebec, Canada. Before joining the Sprague research staff, he was employed at the U. S. Gypsum Company at Farnams, Mass., where he was investigating the arsenic content of lime. It is interesting to note that even the minute quantities of arsenic that normally occur may be dangerous when the lime is used for food processing.

Mr. Bush is married to the former Caroline Michaels, and they have a fourteen months old son, Donald. They reside on North Holden Street.

Good luck and best wishes to Francis Bush in his new position.

by Clara Miller

GUESTS AT THE EASTER PROGRAM



Guests of the Easter program of "Sprague on Parade" listen intently to St. John's Choir and the Sprague Chorus.

Marriages . . .

Flight Officer Stephen Nowicki and Miss Mary Skubel were married at the St. Stanislaus Church in Adams, Mass., March 19, 1945. Mrs. Nowicki is employed at the Marshall Street Plant.

Ensign Robert Chas. Tisdale and Miss Margaret Phyllis Lewis made their marriage vows at the Little Church Around the Corner, N. Y. C. on March 13, 1945. Ensign Tisdale formerly was employed in the Stock Room, and Mrs. Tisdale is employed at the Sprague Products Company.

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Sheehan and Arthur Vuillemot, A.M. 2-c, occurred April 3, 1945, at St. Francis Church.

Births . . .

A son to Pfc. Douglas and Theresa Pinsonneault on March 21, 1945. The father was formerly of Impregnating Department, and the mother of Bathtub Assembly.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius LePage on March 21st. Julius is employed in Resistor Laboratory.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Valotta, March 29th. The mother is Eleanor of the Mica department.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hillard announce the birth of a son, April 3, 1945. The father is employed in Impregnating department.

A daughter was born April 1, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. James Gattuso. Mrs. Gattuso is Julia, of Wire Coating.

A daughter, Rose Marie, was born to Raymond and Rose Blair, April 1, 1945. Raymond is in the Block Annex Department, and Rose is employed in Dry Test.

Engagements . . .

The engagement of Miss Lucille Bergeron of the P.A.A. Department and Vincent Matranga, also of P.A.A. has been announced recently.

Miss Theresa Marceau announces her engagement to Harold Norcross. The wedding is set for April 21, 1945. Miss Marceau is employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

BACH CHORUS GUESTS ON SPRAGUE RADIO PROGRAM

On Wednesday, April 11th the listeners to "Sprague on Parade" had the pleasure of hearing the Bach Chorus sing several chorals from the "Passion of Our Lord According to St. John", by J. S. Bach. This group has been doing some fine work under the direction of Robert Barrow, assistant professor of music at Williams College. "Sprague on Parade" appreciated having this group as guest artists.

The Sprague employees who are members of the Bach Chorus are: Doris Sanford, Helen Root, Robert Shoemaker and Lawrence Haskins.

Also on this program, William Sheldon of the Brown Street Plant, made his first appearance with the Sprague Chorus and sang two solos.

MARSHALL MUSIC

Maintenance

By Frank Daniels

Faxon Bowen has returned home from Claremont, New Hampshire, where he spent a few days with his grandson, Leon Bowen, who has completed his training in the Navy on an aircraft carrier. Two of Faxon's grandsons are now in the service for Uncle Sam.

We can't say that we receive just what we order from the Brown Street warehouse; but nevertheless, it is almost a facsimile thereof.

Claude Wager is quite a mechanic. He bought a car for twenty-five dollars, worked all winter on it in his spare time, and now he says it can climb East Main Street in high gear on its own power.

We greet all those familiar faces from Brown Street with a hearty welcome.

If you haven't heard Jean Cuddeback sing, "I'm getting tired so I can sleep", come around some morning about seven-thirty.

Excerpts from a Letter by Jack O'Leary to His Mother Mary, of Selkar:

I received a Pocket Atlas of the World from Sprague's a few days ago and it sure is great. I get the *Log* about every week now and it sure seems good to see some of the old faces. George Scarbo's picture is in the one that I got today.

Selkar

Night Shift -- By Claude Wager

We have heard that Kate Patterson had a bad fall the other day. She slipped on a stone. The best part of it is she had a pie in one hand and a cake in the other. How was the mixture, Kate, or did you save them both?

We would all like to know who broke the camera the other day? Some one said that Frank Daniels stopped to have his picture taken, and he was the last one, then the camera broke. Now, would you say that he broke it? Could be that old saying is true, Frank.

Why do we have a sudden change from solid food to soup in the night shift lately. Could it be the meat shortage, or are they going on a diet. Why not ask Florence Despault. Maybe she has the answer.

Mary Bernard had a nice visit to New York City last week end. How's your neck, did you look up at the tall buildings, Mary? We hope you had a good time.

Millie Blanchard is back with us again, after a vacation spent with her husband who was home on leave. We hope you had a good time, Millie.

We wish to welcome back to the Department, an old hand, Florence Despault. Glad to have you back with us.

All the girls wish to welcome Ann Farnum, new supervisor to our lines. All enjoy working with her.

A welcome to all the new girls to our department.

Shipping Room -- Night Shift

I take back what I said about the two men trying to be carpenters, they were all set to crate me up for writing that one. They wish me to tell you that they are *painters*. You should see them swing a brush all over but the right place.

New faces in the room are Bessie Brown, Bessie Mulqueen, and Ellen Swanson.

I wish to say at this time that "Little Abe" is also learning to be a painter, and also is George S. Roy, the "man who sings."

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell

Fishing Season Opened

Well the fishing season is upon us once more and the opening day should be ideal. With streams down to a lower level than usual at this time of year many good catches will be had. Besides the usual sport of fishing the boys will be out for that meat that is so hard to get these days. We would appreciate hearing from those who open the season with good catches.

The National Hockey League is drawing to a finish as the Toronto Maple Leafs, winners over the Montreal Canadiens, battle the Detroit Red Wings, winners over the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup Finals.

Major Leagues

In less than a week the Major Leagues will have launched the 1945 baseball season. As all clubs are playing informal games with one another each candidate in the various camps is given the opportunity to show his wares.

With the St. Louis Browns this year is a one-armed sensational ball player. His name is Pete Gray and to many people in the immediate area that name has a familiar ring and well it might, as Pete played with Three Rivers in the Can-American League and could be seen in Pittsfield when his Canadian club came in for contests with the Pittsfield team. Pete plays in the

outfield and as he has a peculiar motion in returning the ball to the infield he will have special allowances in this respect if he makes the grade as a big leaguer. Baseball fans will watch with interest the outcome of Pete's big league try.

The Cardinals and the Browns will be pre-season favorites to repeat in the National and American Leagues respectively. Yours truly will hazard no guess but will expect a wide open race.

Local Clubs

The North Adams Baseball club will attempt to field another team this year with Johnny McConnell again serving as coach and manager.

The Northern Berkshire Soft-ball League is also being discussed and tentative plans are now being laid to launch another season.

Ken Russell

GIRLS -- How About Forming A Softball Team

The Girls' Bowling Teams of the Sprague Company have had such a successful season, that a campaign has been started to form Girls' Softball Teams. This will mean forty girls must sign up for teams. Do you want to be a member? Get in touch with Doris Roy of the Factory Engineering Department, Beaver Street.

MICA PREPARATION TEAM



Gloria Paonessa, Marjorie Dunn, Dot Boutwell, Arella Tatro and Lucy Sinclitico.

"W.E." BOWLING TEAM



"Vicci" Yeargin, Peg St. Pierre, Lorraine Lamoureux, Shirley DeGere and "Vicki" Candilaro.

—by F. Crosier

Standing of Men's Bowling League

WEEK ENDING APRIL 7th

Teams	Pts. Won	Pts. Lost	No. of Matches	TO DATE	
				Total Pinfall	Average Pinfall
Can Shop . . .	25	5	10	15077	1507.7
Lunchroom No. 1* . . .	23	7	9*	13152	1461.3
Machine Shop . . .	23	7	10	14697	1469.7
Sprague Products . . .	20	10	10	14465	1446.5
Bathtub Products . . .	18	12	10	14646	1464.6
K. V. A. . .	14	16	10	13904	1390.4
Lunchroom No. 2 . . .	14	16	10	14145	1414.5
Plating** . . .	12	18	9**	12622	1402.4
Stockroom . . .	6	24	10	13178	1317.8
Centrifuge . . .	5	25	10	13602	1360.2
Engineers . . .	5	25	10	13363	1336.3

*Won three points by forfeit

**Forfeited three points.

High Ind. Single	C. Estes	135	D. Gardzina	149
High Ind. Three	C. Estes	339	C. Sweeney	358
High Team Single	Lunchroom No. 2	566	Lunchroom	566
High Team Three	Lunchroom No. 2	1544	Can Shop	1617

SHARE THEIR PACKAGES FROM HOME



This picture, taken in Northern Italy, shows Raymond Marceau and buddies sharing gift packages from home with native Italian children.

Messina Writes Sister of Conditions in Conquered Countries

Somewhere in Germany
March 13th

Dear Carm,

I'm writing you a few lines to let you know that I'm in the best of health. I'm writing this letter from a dining room of some German house. We eat very well and our sleeping quarters are the best I think a man could have in these conditions.

The people around here have plenty to eat and drink, the best of everything. Of course they are German, and they take everything from the other countries. I wish the people back in the U. S. could see the conditions of the houses and the way the people are living, then they would understand more of how much we're in need of supplies from defense factories, rather than to strike and cause all kinds of trouble among themselves. You have no idea how the people suffered while the Germans were here.

I met an Italian prisoner of war here a couple days ago and we had a long talk. I'm going to try and see him again. They really suffered here working under the Germans as Slave Labor, digging all through the winter months. They had very little clothes to wear and little food to eat.

Well, Carm, I'm on K.P. today and the Sgt. was good enough to let me have time to write a letter. I'll have to close now with best regards and love to you and the family.

As ever, Francis

Folks Back Home Aid Permanent Victory

Somewhere in France
March 18th

Dear Miss Owen,

Just dropping you a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten you all. I'm still getting the Log. It sure does keep a guy's morale up, to read what is going on back home. I sure miss you all. But one of these days we'll be back. The folks back home are really producing. And that's what we're looking for, so that we can bring victory back for good. The weather is nice over here. Again, thanks a million for the Log.

As ever, Austin Rogge

In Germany

Pvt. Raymond Lamoureux, Jr., has arrived in Germany according to work received by his wife, Lorraine. Pvt. Lamoureux formerly was employed in Drafting Department. His wife is employed in Western Electric Department.

Even Radio Luxemburg has its commercial -- announcer tells the enemy "When surrendering, please mention this program."

BROTHERS MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS



Pfc. Charles Bourdon, formerly of Ovens Department, is now hospitalized at the Ashford General Hospital, Sulphur Springs, W. Va., after contracting a jungle infection. Charles served in the Burma theatre of war, is a veteran of Myitkyina, and holds the Good Conduct medal, wears the Asiatic ribbon, the North African Campaign ribbon and a bronze Battle Star. At the hospital he met his brother Albert, home on rotation from the Pacific theatre of war, after three years' separation.

Sgt. Albert Bourdon, is a veteran of the Pacific Campaign, with three years of service to his credit. He entered Service Sept. 1941 with an infantry unit, has participated in the Guadalcanal and Emirau campaigns. He wears the Good Conduct medal, the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the Combat Infantryman badge, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and two bronze battle stars. He is now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. These boys are brothers of Yvonne Day of Block Test, Beaver Plant, and Viola Giulino of P.A.A. Department, Brown Street Plant.



Receive Awards

Tech. Sgt. Clifford P. King was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on Luzon, Jan. 12, 1945. Sgt. King formerly worked in the Boxing Department.

Pvt. Francis D. Flaherty, formerly employed in Vitamin "O" Department, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in combat with the 7th Army in France.



WOUNDED IN GERMAN CAMPAIGN



Sgt. Elvert LaBree, has arrived in this country, after being overseas eleven months. He is hospitalized at Ft. Devens for wounds in his left foot and leg suffered in the German invasion. He is the brother of Phyllis St. Cyr of P.A.A. Dept.

Sgt. LaBree was with the first U. S. Regiment to invade German soil, having landed on the Normandy coast on D-Day, pushed forward through Paris, Belgium and into Germany.

Hospitalized

Pvt. John Carleton, formerly of Dry Formation, has reported back to the Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass., after spending a short furlough with his family.

Pvt. Robert Hancock, formerly of the Impregnating Department, is being transferred from a California hospital to Lovell General hospital at Devens, Mass. Pvt. Hancock has had a severe attack of malaria.

Participates in Five Campaigns

The many friends of Gertrude Burr in Block Test and Walter of the Stockroom, are happy to hear that they have a letter from their son, Pvt. Walter, Jr., who is OK, after participating in the battle of Iwo Jima. He has taken active part in five major invasions.

★ ★ Letters and News from

KILLED IN



Sgt. Arthur D

Receive Promotions

Nelson R. Charron, formerly of the Boxing department has been promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Charron is now stationed on Luzon.

Robert J. Senecal has been made Corporal at Langley Field, Corp. Senecal formerly worked in Tubular Assembly.

Locates Friends Through "Log"

March 13, 1945
Germany

Dear Miss Owen:

Due to many changes of my address, all the Logs you send to me were held over until recently, in England. I have been receiving one about every other day for the past week.

I have read every one over and over and enjoyed every article, except... "In Memoriam". In your columns: "News from the Armed Service", I have been able to locate some of my friends and co-workers — Al Blondin, Clarence Walker and James Dillon.

I wish to thank you for sending me the Log and also for the Service Record you sent my folks.

Yours truly,
Bill Carter

PVT. WILLIAM BELIVEAU IN FRANCE



Word has been received by the parents of Pvt. William Beliveau that he has arrived somewhere in France. Pvt. Beliveau was formerly of Block Test.

c/o Fleet P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Log,

Your last issue had to be forwarded several times to reach me, so I want you to have the new address. Every issue has had some familiar faces on its pages, and it's good to see them.

Thanks, too, for the address book which is a necessity these days the way folks move around, and the atlas for navigating the far corners of the Pacific.

You have been consistent in your interest in the boys, and you can bet they like it.

Ens. O. F. Eldridge, USNR

CONVE

Look, God, I have never
But now -- I want to say,
You see, God, they told
And like a fool -- I believe
Last night from a shell-ho
I figured right then, they
Had I taken time to see
I'd known they weren't co
I wonder, God, if You'd
Somehow -- I feel that Ya
Funny -- I had to come to
Before I had the time to s
Well, I guess there isn't n
But, I'm sure glad, God, I
I guess the "zero hour" w
But I'm not afraid since I
The signal! -- Well, God
I like You lots. -- This I w
Look -- I'm crying! Me
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Strange -- since I met Yo
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**Pvt. John LaDue, formerly of B
Pvt. William LaDue, formerly of P
theatre of war, and Pvt. Bernard La
the sons of Irene, of B.T.A. Dept.**



BRINGING BUSINESS AND JOBS TO NORTH ADAMS

There Are Over 5,259,499 Individual Sprague Advertising Messages Working for You This Year!

During the year of 1945, well over 5,259,499 individual Sprague advertisements will appear in industrial and technical publications to carry the story of North Adams' radio-electronic progressiveness to all parts of the world. Both in the United States and abroad, these advertisements reach just about every conceivable prospect for the materials we make!

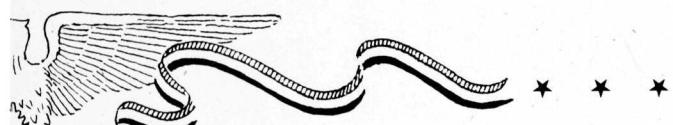
Some of them are directed specifically to radio and electrical engineers. Others aim to catch the favorable attention of industrial executives, designers, production men and purchasing agents. Many are written to appeal to radio servicemen and distributors. Still others, are written in Spanish to reach electric-electronic equipment buyers in far parts of the world.

As a typical instance of the effectiveness of our advertising, it is interesting to note that a recent announcement of the glass-to-metal seals for Sprague Capacitors and Resistors drew over 240 inquiries—from all parts of the world, and from many of the world's largest

concerns. In two years, The Sprague Trading Post, the free advertising service offered radio servicemen, amateurs and experimenters by The Sprague Products Company has handled more than 7,000 individual Swap, Buy or Sell advertisements—and built up a literally tremendous backlog of goodwill as a result—goodwill that will be reflected in terms of greater postwar business. Many other equally interesting examples of the effectiveness of our advertising might also be cited.

Sprague advertising is handled by The Harry P. Bridge Company, Philadelphia, Pa., advertising agency, well-known specialists in technical electric-electronic work of this type. Members of the Sprague organization who participate in its preparation include R. C. Sprague, J. K. Sprague, Dr. P. Robinson, Neal Welch, Walter Clark, Harry Kalker, Leon Podolsky and others.

Examples of various types of Sprague advertising for the past two years appear on this and on the following page.



From the Armed Forces ★★

I ACTION



James Dippold

March 10, 1945
nit

Company. He entered the services on July 19, 1944 and was sent overseas early this year.

His wife, the former Margery Rickards, is a switchboard operator at the Beaver Street Plant. Besides his wife he is survived by his parents, a brother and a sister.

The Sprague organization extends deepest sympathy to Margery and the family.

RSION

spoken to You,--
"how do You do,"
me You didn't exist. --
ved all of this,
le I saw Your sky, --
had told me a lie.
the things You made,
alling a spade a spade.
shake my hand.
ou will understand.
o this hellish place,
ee Your face.
uch more to say,
I met You today.
ill soon be here,
know You're near.
-- I'll have to go
ant You to know. --
! --Shedding tears!
se many years.
ow, God -- good-bye,
u -- I'm not afraid to die.
by Rita Siciliano from a boy in service.

ROTHERS



lock Annex, now serving in Europe;
ating, now serving in the European
Due, now in Germany. They are

Boys Not Complaining

67th General Hospital
March 6th

Dear Editor:

I receive your Log every month and sure look forward to it. I have been overseas six months now and I am looking forward to getting back home again. I have a very nice job in surgery, I am a technician and see and assist in many operations. One thing certain—our boys are getting the best care that can be given them. Their morale is very high and you never hear one of the boys complain. You people back home can be mighty proud of the boys who are in the thick of the fighting, because it takes plenty of "guts", to do what they are doing.

I want to send my best regards to all my friends at the Brown Street Plant where I was employed in Maintenance.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Francis Rivers

STUDENT CADET NURSE



Viola M. Ouellette, formerly of the Mica Department, is a student nurse at the House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, Mass. Viola is a sister of Gloria in Dry Rolling Department.

Another Acknowledgment

Dear Friends,

It really was swell to receive that tobacco. The fellows really appreciated the gift. Keep up the good work and we'll do our best.

G. A. Phillips, BM 2-c

Ensign Frederick Foster, navigator aboard a search bomber, participated in a rocket attack on "Little Corridor" — Torishima Retto. Devastation hits were scored on buildings and military objectives, despite heavy enemy anti-aircraft fire. Ensign Foster formerly worked in the Gas Mask Department, and is the husband of Marjorie Bunting who formerly worked in the Cost Department.

Wounded

Pfc. Edward Lauzon, formerly of K.V.A., was wounded in action in Germany, March 10th, according to a wire received by his parents. In a recent letter Pfc. Lauzon told his parents his unit had received a Presidential Citation. His father is Joseph Lauzon, fireman at the Marshall Street Plant.

Pvt. Calvin W. Aubertine has been slightly wounded in action February 23rd in Germany according to a telegram received by his brother Albert. Pvt. Aubertine formerly worked in Tubular Assembly.



Easter Greetings sent to Betty Jangrow of Wire Coating from the Pacific area.

Sailing Round in Circles

March 23, 1945

Dear Miss Owen,

I just received your letter dated October 18, containing my pay check. Well thank you for the trouble I have caused.

I left the states in August and came to the Hawaiian Islands for air crew assignment. I was placed in a replacement port—or should say, several. I was on board ship for several months as a replacement, passed all around Jap-held islands but never saw any. The most exciting thing that happened to me was being initiated as a Shellback. That is, as you know, a ceremony much like a school hazing only much more severe, when one crosses the equator. I also went through a severe hurricane while I was on board ship. Never again! I was finally put on an island base in the Admiralties. After a month on a lovely, little, built-up coral reef cluttered with palm trees I was told to pack up. So after thousands of miles of travel and seven months' time I end up a couple hundred yards from where I started—on the Hawaiian Islands. Interesting, eh?

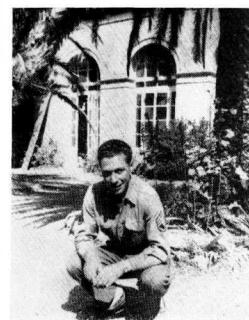
Sincerely,
Donald Roy, ARM 3-c

MEET IN ENGLAND THROUGH EFFORTS OF RED CROSS



Pvt. Francis Peters and Pfc. John Peters (formerly of Ovens) meet in England after two years' separation. Pfc. John has been stationed in England with a Medical Corps for over a year, his brother, Francis recently arrived there with an Engineering Corps. Through the efforts of the Red Cross, the brothers were able to meet and had this picture taken. They are brothers of Isabel Peters of Front Office and of Alfred of Receiving Department.

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY



Raymond Marceau, brother of Ida Lovett of Payroll, poses for this picture somewhere in Northern Italy.

All Conveniences of Home

March 23-45

Dear Miss Owen,

A word of thanks for the way the Log has been following me around for the last few weeks. It's swell to read about the folks back home and know that everything is going well.

I met "Red" Johnson at Ft. Lauderdale a few weeks ago. He looks well and when I left him he was in good spirits.

It's pretty nice aboard my new ship. All the conveniences of home except the old easy chair by the radio. You'll be hearing from me more regularly in the future. My best to all my friends, especially the fellows in the Machine Shop.

As ever, Eddie Dion



Pvt. John Januska is now serving at Leyte Islands, in the Philippines, according to word received here.

239 Boxes Sent to Our Servicemen Overseas

The Fund which was utilized to send smoking tobacco to men in service, has now bought boxes for our own employees in service overseas. To date, 239 of these boxes have been mailed out to our Servicemen.

GIFTS OF TOBACCO ACKNOWLEDGED

Friends,

Received tobacco ok and appreciate it very much. It is things like this that make home seem a little closer and friends that much dearer. Thanking you very much I remain,

Clarence V. Clark, SKV 3-c

Dear friends,

To the home front many thanks for your thoughtfulness and the smoking tobacco gift. I'm sure you will receive many more thanks from the boys out here for your kindness.

Richard J. Seroogy SM 2-c USCG

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the smoking tobacco. It's the first thing I ever saw from the folks back in the States that was free and I've been in the Navy three years.

Albert B. Lambert, AMM 1-c

Dear Friends,

Received the smoking tobacco and was very pleased to receive it.

Ernest C. Pierce, USN

Richard C. Hultgren, USNR

Hi Folks,

It sure was swell of you to send us boys the tobacco. We really appreciated it an awful lot. Please let us know if you receive this card.

Gun Crew of the S S Wm M. Rayburn

William Quale, S 1-c

Armed Guard

c/o F P Office, New York City

Hi Folks,

We, the boys of the S S Wm M. Rayburn, want to thank you all for the tobacco and also for the swell job you are doing there. Everytime we smoke this tobacco we will think of the swell people we have back home.

D. Fontana, Gun Crew

Hi Folks,

All my shipmates and I wish to thank you for the smoking tobacco you sent us as it sure came in handy. If there are any girls who like to receive mail from Navy men tell them to drop a line as one thing we all go for is mail. Will be thinking of you whenever we smoke your tobacco. As ever,

Thomas Pettingill, GM 3-c
U. S. N. A. G.

NOTES FROM: SPRAGUE ON PARADE



Were you curious as to where these notes came from? Words and Music of this Signature Song, used weekly, when "Sprague on Parade" goes over the air from station WTRY, were written by Doris Lafontaine, a former Sprague employee.

BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR A YOUTHFUL VETERAN



Eddie Farinon, furloughed home, after being wounded three times in action during his European war experiences, is presented a birthday cake at the Sprague On Parade radio program of March 14th. Eddie was twenty years old on that date.

—by H. Mazzuchi



Paper Rolling

By Margaret Lamberti

Congratulations to a former co-worker of ours—Julia Gattuso, on the arrival of her small daughter.

Best wishes are extended to Evelyn Sheehan, who was married Easter Monday to Arthur Vuillemont, Aviation Machinist Mate 2-c. Doris Fountain was her bridesmaid.

Eva Lescarbeau and Kathleen Morrissey spent Easter week in Pittsfield.

Theresa Marceau was honored with a miscellaneous shower given by her mother. About fifty friends attended and Theresa received many appropriate gifts. She is to be married April 21st to Harold Norcross.

We wish Julia Ameen and Alma Fox very happy birthdays.

Roseann Vigna, Mary Zappone, Martha Wittig and Claire Anderson went to Albany to hear Tommy Dorsey.

Rita Cardinal is on leave to be with her husband who is home on furlough.

Advice to Norma:

Don't take any wooden nickels, since they might be nailed to the floor. (Signed) The Selkar Rollers: Dolly, Doris and Rusty.

Sorry to hear you are ill, Mrs. Wheelock—we wish you a speedy recovery.

We are glad to welcome back, our High School co-workers, who are on the part-time night shift.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Eleanor Falco who recently lost her father.

News From John Raby

India, March 17, 1945

Hello Miss Owen,

I am a long way from home, but the Log was waiting for me when I got here. Keep up the good work. My regards to the Paper Rolling department.

Pfc. John Raby

Networks

By Lucy DeFazio

We hear Mary Martin is thinking seriously of going on a diet. Quite an undertaking when one has such a tremendous appetite.

Lea Walden and family went hiking recently to pick some pussywillows, but returned after a long walk, with the climbing of a rocky bank thrown in, minus pussywillows, plus two sore knees. Better luck next time Lea. Did I hear you say there won't be a next time?

Lillian Adams the girl with Glamour and Personality has left our department to train for Switchboard Operator at the Brown and Marshall Street Plants. Good luck to you Lillian our loss is the gain of the switchboard girls.

Jessie Wronski spent the Easter week end with her parents in Windsor, Mass.

Harry Barschdorff is working extra hard these days. The extra work being the planting of Evergreen Trees around his home. He is looking forward to Post War when he will be able to lie beneath them and dream.

Best wishes for a speedy recover to Eleanor Tatro who is at the local hospital.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Fachini family at the loss of their little daughter, Carol Ann. She was the sister of Mary, of our Department.

The Raymond Blairs are the proud parents of a daughter, Rose Marie, born April first—Easter Sunday.

Lillian Myles spent a very happy Easter in the big town—New York City—and had quite a time keeping her eyes open on Monday, eh Lillian?

Congratulations to Alice Allard—you certainly have a beautiful diamond. How fortunate, Alice, that you will not have to get used to a different name, for your fiance is S-Sgt. Joseph E. Allard, now with the Armed Forces in France.

Imagine Ethel Collins signing the foreman's name to her pay check! No wonder, when she signs it so often on requisitions.

That Hawaiian girl on Ethel's sweater is the first one we've seen that won't dance. Wonder why?

We are happy to learn that Pfc. William Timothy, son of Catherine, is not missing in action as formerly stated, but is a prisoner of war.

Sample Lab

By the Shadow

Harry Coates, formerly of the Sample Laboratory, has been promoted to Private First Class. He is now stationed somewhere in the Philippines.

The department extends its deepest sympathy to Isabelle Brundige whose baby is confined to the hospital with a fracture of the skull. We sincerely wish the baby a speedy recovery.

Rose Giacco attended the New England States Championship Basketball Tournament at Boston. She was as excited the following Monday morning as she was at the games. Be careful Rose, think of your blood pressure!

Harry, where did you get those cigars? Try washing them with Life-Bouy soap—maybe they will smell better.

We had W. C. Fields working with us a week ago. Did any of you see Don Fortini's nose? That was some pimple, Don.

What's the matter "Mac", can't you take care of two phones at once? You have two hands and two ears so what's holding you back?

Impregnating

By Angie Langer

Congratulations to Nick Hillard. So you finally won out over Eddie Cantor! Note: Nick has six daughters and finally on April 2nd his wife presented him with a son.

Too bad Joe Downey can't take part in the return bowling match next week, against the girls of the Section Test. It was fun while it lasted wasn't it Joe? Dan Millis advised Joe, "Tell where you're going, but don't tell whom you are going with."

We all wish "Jackie" (Don't Fence Me In) Senecal, who recently underwent an operation, a speedy recovery.

Pfc. Bob Hancock visited us last week. Bob has served in the Pacific Theatre of War seventeen months.

George Melsky spent Easter Sunday in Housatonic and bragged of the good time he had. We could plainly see that Monday morning.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

January 1, 1945 to April 1, 1945

*Leon Richards Marcus Davis

*Joseph Downey William Hillard

Joan Luczynski Angie Langer

*Harvey Durand

*Perfect attendance since Jan. 1943

Block Test

By Barbara King

A Tale of Some Shoes

Pauline Jandran got her shoes wet on the way to work the other day—and, so they would dry quickly, put them in the oven... Lo and behold, when she took them out, they were three sizes too small... And say, Peggy, how did you get home from work without shoes?

A recent visitor to this Department was Stanley Janik of the Navy. It was swell seeing you again, "Slim".

Perfect Attendance Record

March, 1945

Frances Solari, Henry Mecywor, Caroline Grant, Albert Vareschi, Fred Suthers, Harry Arbour, Bertha Jennings, Joseph Doyon, Julia Abraham, Agnes Perry, Lena Cuccia, Josephine DePaoli, Elizabeth Hunt, Lucille Beaudry, Ruth Blanquart, Barbara King, Mary Zito, Theresa Briggs, Bessie Sharron, Dolores Bailey, Harry Embry, Irene Newcomb, Rita Dargie, Grace Collins, Elizabeth Fleury, Sally Williams, Ida Roy, Mary Garner, Bernadette Bordwin, Josephine Roe, Eva Stone and Adelle Solari.

This is splendid work, Co-workers, and a better record than we had last month.

Congratulations to "Bucky" Bullett, coach of the Academy Billiard Basketball Team... for the splendid game his men put up against the Massachusetts State Champions... and is "Bucky's" wife proud of him (Lorraine of our Department).

Machine Shop

By John Walsh

Appreciates Christmas Gift -- Which Arrived -- Late!

March 29, 1945

Hello Gang:

How are all of you getting along these days? Hope each one of you can say: "Just fine!"

Say, I wish to express my gratitude for the Christmas package you sent me. I received it *today* -- just a little late, wasn't it? Frankly, it was just as welcome today as it would have been at Christmas.

I'm really sorry that I haven't been writing as frequently as I should. Honestly, though, fellows, I've been a wee bit busy. I was fortunate enough to receive a pass to Paris a few weeks ago and it was swell. Paris is certainly a beautiful city, there's no denying that. The best part of the pass, though, was the opportunity to sleep in a real bed and to be served at a table by waitresses. A fellow really appreciates these items. It seems funny that small things which formerly would be taken for granted can really mean so much now... I'd even appreciate Jack Murray's sarcastic remarks right now!

Well, fellows, once again my sincerest thanks for your gift. Best of luck and a Happy Easter to all.

As ever,
Sgt. Al Daldoss

Members of the Machine Shop deeply regret the passing of Danny Mahoney, killed in action February 25, 1945. The Machine Shop takes this occasion to extend their sympathy to John Mahoney, our co-worker, and to the other members of the Mahoney family.

Sorry Lois Nolte, our clerk has been ill. Hope to see you back soon!

Tubular Assembly

By Gertrude Gentile

Welcome back to the Department:

Phyllis Brooks, Vera Timothy, Fannie Wright, Amanda Roy, Marjorie Lowry, Ida Fortin, Jeannette Bourgeois, Julia Kovalski and Alice Hattaway.

Leon DeGraff spent the week end in Burlington, visiting his father.

Sorry to hear that Helen DeMers is in the hospital — get well quickly, Helen.

Caroline—perhaps it will be Orange Blossoms—next time—instead of garbanas.

ELECTRICWASHERS IN JUNGLE!
Electric washing machines are needed in the jungle, too. They are needed to equip "behind the front" hospitals in India.

ENGLISH WEDDING



Earl Chase, Coxswain (center) married at Plymouth, England, January 15, 1945. Earl has been overseas for 18 months, and his marriage was the culmination of a romance in England. He is the son of Elizabeth, of Tubular Assembly.

Check Inspection

By Linda Brown

How come Irene O'Dell always has plenty of gum—we would like to get in on the secret.

Best wishes to James Fancy for a speedy recovery—hope you return soon.

Frances Cerninara, recently of Check Inspection and now a Cadet nurse at the House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, spent the Easter Holidays at home with her parents.

Arthur DelPonte, husband of Mary, of Metal Tubular department, was promoted to Seaman 1-c at Frontier Base, Charleston, S. C.

We now have a "farmerette" in our midst—Alice Senecal has started a chicken farm. Lots of luck, Alice.

Gertrude Burr certainly was lucky when she won that delicious apple pie "Mom" Short baked and raffled off. The proceeds went toward the Senior Class Fund at the House of Mercy Hospital in Pittsfield, where her daughter is a student nurse. Thanks, everyone, for your cooperation.

A recent visitor to Check Inspection was cute Denny Pedrin, son of Rita of our Department and Julie of Block Annex. He sure made a big hit with the girls. Too bad—he is only four years old!

Check Inspection in Block Test Wouldn't Be the Same Without: Mom Short's—hearty laugh Norma Lerta—

looking for something to eat Rita Sharron—

talking about her hubby, Bill Charlotte Stevens—

with her bright "Hi". Fran Morse—in one of her moods Rita Pedrin—eating oranges Adele Wojtaszek's—exciting dreams Thelma William's—date stamp Vic Pedrin—talking about his baby Harry Carpenter—with his "rush lots."

REPORTER MARRIED

Cpl. and Mrs. James J. Driscoll, married March 12, 1945. Mrs. Driscoll is the former Esther Perrault of Block Annex, and "Log" Reporter for her Department. Cpl. "Jim" is stationed at Indiantown Gap, Penna.

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Bathtub Assembly is proud to add their list of names to the many perfect attendance records printed in the *Log*. Frank Cirullo Mildred Letafien George Bombardier Ida Fowler Pasquale Mazza Pauline McCuen Robert Moors Ida Gau Zenon Barry Evangeline Dupuis Lillian Gainer Alvina Gifford Ella Marco Ruth Haskins Rose Grenier Josephine Dzierga Dorothy Lavigne Anne Palmer Nellie Sprague Sarah Brown

"W. E." Department

By Emma Alongi

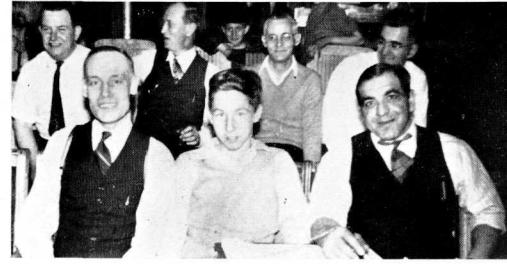
Best wishes to Rose Pecor, Betty Hermon and "Vickie" Yeargin—and hope they will be back with us soon. A welcome is extended Eleanor Burdick and to two of our former co-workers, Phyllis Rarick and Angie DeGrenier.

Wedding bells will soon ring for Jean Koza. The gang wish you the best of luck.

Has "Ken" Roy, the happy-go-lucky of our Department, told you about the haru cut he got in a hurry? Ask him about it—and by the way, "Ken", why the chain around your wrist?

A word of praise to Norma Whipple for her enthusiasm in supporting the Red Cross and Bond Drives.

We all agree with Kate, that getting a seat on the bus these days is quite a problem. She wishes there was something to hold on to, since it is embarrassing to find you have grabbed someone by the trousers as a means of support.

THE MAINTENANCE GANG WATCHES THE SCORE

Front row—Harry Beechard, Forrest Sherman (son of Earl) Angelo Mastrianni. Back row—Gene Pyke, Joe Schneider, Larry Dow, and Everett Brown.

By Doris Roy

Say! did anyone see that cute sailor up in our department last week? In case, you failed to recognize him, with his crew cut and all, it was our own Roger LaPlante. Rog sure made interesting conversation. We were so glad to see you again, sailor, and hope that whenever you're fortunate enough to get leave you won't forget to pay us a visit.

That huge Easter egg Laura (Red) Ferguson brought in the other day was relished by all candy eaters! It certainly was de-licious no doubt about that. All a person had to do was look at what was left after all of us got our hands on it to see how good it was. Thanks, Red, for all of us.

And why shouldn't Andreanna (Andy) Prystas come in with an extra smile Monday ayem? Who wouldn't after receiving a corsage of seven roses from her husband for Easter. Oh well, we can't all be born lucky.

Factory Engineering

By Hazel Goodale

We are happy to extend a welcome to two newcomers. Mr. William Ross who assists Harry Martin and Robert Windover who has been assigned to the drafting department. We hope you both enjoy your work here.

Bill Kirby requests the ladies to kindly refrain from leaving lip stick around. It just isn't attractive on the seat of ones trousers. If this offense is repeated—some one better watch out!

Doris Hiser has waited a long seven weeks for those chocolates and so has everyone else. Chocolates are sweeter at eight A.M. on Easter Monday morning than at any other time.

Dry Rolling

By I. Paquette

Anyone interested in having a victory shelf like Josephine Kieftyka has on her machine, contact Tony Marino.

Best wishes to Helen Hannaleck who is to be married to S-Sgt. Owen B. Callahan. The wedding is to take place in Denver, Colorado, in the near future.

A welcome to Jennie Whitney and Mae Fountain to our department.

Section Test

By Margaret Daniels

Section Test was challenged to a bowling match by the Impregnating Department. Although losing by 56 pins, we think it worth while just to have seen Joe Downey bowl and have Marion Chrzanowski top Chuck Roy in one string.

Say, Margaret Moore—you wouldn't be trying to impersonate Dottie Lamour, would you?

We have a real glamour girl in our midst—Peggy Sullif, looking nifty enough in the Easter Parade to have her picture in the paper.

Did you enjoy your walk from Briggsville, the other morning, Wyeth Allard—Too bad, but flat tires do happen to the best of us!

Cadet Nurse, Jeannette Brooks, our co-worker is home on a 10-day furlough.

**SPRING!**

It's Spring! Nineteen-hundred and forty-five. Sure, it's hard to realize. Another year has rolled away. And we're nearer to Victory Day.

But just for now, let's reminisce. Of things gone by that we all miss. Take a deep breath and let's explore. What made us happy in days of yore.

Yes, Spring was a fresh new season. We were lazy and tired, for no good reason.

We'd sit and talk or hear an 'ole joke. Couldn't go places because we were broke.

New clothes for Easter we all had bought, Spent too much money without a thought,

But no one cared, or gave a darn, Nothing like listening to a good 'ole yarn.

The sweet smell of Spring in the lofty air,

Meant lovers romancing everywhere. A wink of the eye, if perchance you'd meet, An old flame of yours strolling down the street.

But now—we put old dreams aside. And work and pray for God to guide Our sweetheart, brother, husband—where ever they be.

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Did you enjoy your walk from Briggsville, the other morning, Wyeth Allard—Too bad, but flat tires do happen to the best of us!

Cadet Nurse, Jeannette Brooks, our co-worker is home on a 10-day furlough.

By Jessie Vallieres
Mica Molding

**Industrial Oil Rolling**

By Blanche Duquette

Verlie Andrews received quite a surprise when her husband came home unexpectedly on a furlough. Wouldn't it be grand if all us Service wives received surprises like that?

If anyone would be interested in taking jitter-bug lessons to the tune of "Rum and Coca Cola", come up and see "Liz" Slattery.

Have you heard the latest? Olga Campedelli and "Yours Truly" recently went bicycle riding and are we s-o-o-r-y!

Spring has really come to our Department. Have you noticed that grand shade of leg make-up on Alice Beauchamp?

Always ready for a good laugh and joke is our Lil Walker and Millie Kearns.

We "rollers" were recently talking about our school days and this is what June Sweeney had to say—

"When I was in school, I was a naughty girl. Oh, I was horrid, I stood in the corner so often I developed a pointed forehead! I think this is where I came in, so this is your reporter signing off reminding you all to—

Put a Bond in the Bank for Your Yank!

Mica Preparation

By Therese Vallieres

Almaud Dupont and daughter, June, spent a nice Easter weekend in Springfield. Ask her about her experience while there.

Who is the opera singer in Spark Test? You're doing all right, Ivy Gavan, but *softly*!

SURPRISE PARTY

A group of girls from the Mica Prep. surprised Mrs. Violet Gavan, mother of Ivy at a birthday party and also to welcome her back home after having spent the last five years in England. Mrs. Gavan told many interesting things that happened there. She received many beautiful gifts and also a decorated birthday cake from Ivy. A good time was had by all.

Songs That Fit:

Ivy Gavan—*Poor Little Rhode Island*
Almaud Dupont—*Buckle Down Woonsocket*

Mildred Prevey—*Whoo! Whoo! It's You*
Margaret O'Neil—*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*

Frances Millard—*My Dreams are Getting Better All the Time*
Mildred Tatro—*Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart*

Julia Dumoulin—*Leave the Dishes in the Sink*
Dorothy Dupuis—*I'm So Easy to Love*

Kaye Romeo—*I'll Sit Down and Write a Letter*
Marie Paonessa—*Tales of Vienna Woods*

Therese Vallieres—*Rum and Coca Cola*
Josephine Dumas—*Army Air Corps*

Josephine Dumas is spending a vacation with her son who is home on furlough from Texas. He just graduated with flying colors from Flying School. Good luck to Arthur!

Maintenance

By "Umbrago"

Summary of Maintenance**Three-Weeks' Bowling Match**

The Carpenters top the list having defeated the Electricians, Tin-Whackers and Millwrights.

George Grant of the Electricians' gang, more commonly known as "Pappy" was outstanding as anchor man. He being Scotch, every one wants to know where he got the *English on the ball*.

Elmer Hosley, carpenter, is top notcher of all the teams with his high score. "Buster" Sherman, carpenter, has a *Hall All His Own*, due to his remarkable bowling, as the following shows:

1st match - 3 strings - right handed 187
2nd match - 3 strings - left handed 186
3rd match - 3 strings - both hands (?) 183

I understand "Bugs" is looking for an alley with the gutter down the center.

Maurice Chonard, chief plumber, did a good job for the Millwrights, as did Art Giroux for the Electricians. Art's left-handed style of bowling was unique. Quite a man.

We hope to have Maintenance represented in the "Bowling League" next year after this excellent exhibition.

Plans for a banquet is in the making by the Maintenance gang to take place in the very near future.

Your reporter was embarrassed no end when he bent down to pick up a penny in the department, only to find it could not be moved. It was stuck there. April fool!

Andrew Giganti and his wife celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary recently. Best wishes from the gang for many more.

We trust that the next time Gloria Moresi, our clerk, buys *lettuce*, she will know the difference between lettuce and cabbage—and not bring back *cabbage*.

"Look Around In Maintenance"

Umbrago said, "Just look around, And see the things to which we are bound—

The switchboard, the waterwheel, the old time-clock,

Doris in her chair, the new girl in a pretty frock.

The speaker blots just around eight, Calling: *Carl Perry, someone at the gate.* Don't feel slighted Art, they'll be after you,

Then Maurice Chonard-boy, plenty to do

Nine A.M., and a Chevy outside, An open door and out Mr. Pratt slides.

Don't think Clarence just began, You'd cover some ground if you followed that man!

G'morning Larry—Hi Henry and Joe, There's the phone, "Marshall St., eh?

Sure, I'm ready to go."

Nice morning, Browny, no? more rain? Boy this New England weather gives me a pain!"

Norman, Harold, Wally and Bob, Frank, Angelo, Milly, boy what a mob!

A good morning's work—then time for lunch,

Step up to the clock and give it a punch. Then out in the hall the young lovers meet,

Handing hands and whispering, "I've missed you, my sweet."

Quarter to one and the lunch hour's done. Lots of arguments but all just in fun.

Back to work until quarter to five,

Busy as bees working their hive.

So ends a day in Maintenance and Maintenance Test,

As complete and as busy as any of the rest.

Production -- or office -- or boiler room crew,

You'll always find us with plenty to do.

—Umbrago, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF DANNY MAHONEY

It's hard to believe little Danny is gone
But the memory of him will always live on
Never was a boy liked better than he
By everyone who knew him both young and elderly.
That year we worked together I shall never forget --
The fun we used to have, I can hear his laughter yet.
We became close friends and sort of adopted one another
I was his Sister and to me he was my Brother
To know him was to love him, tho' it's hard to explain
Like that day at the station as he boarded the train,
He looked so bewildered as he turned to say --
"Don't forget me and write often while I'm away."
So Danny in Heaven, where I know you are,
This message I'm sending on a shooting star,
Although I'm still thinking of you as "over there",
You'll always be remembered in my every prayer.

By Bertha Salavantis

Wire Coating

First Shift -- By Betty Jangrow

S-Sgt. Raymond J. Shea, who has been in the European War Theatre for sometime, made the members of his family very happy last week when he arrived home, safe and sound, to spend a well-earned furlough. His sister Julia says he looks wonderful!

Eva Faour's brother, Cpl. Harry Faour of the Coast Artillery Unit, Pensacola, Florida, was home on furlough recently.

Wire Coating had a lend-lease program of its own recently. Paul Sanford of the Second Shift, worked a week on the First Shift, while Bill Battersby of the First Shift worked the Second. Result Paul was sleepier mornings, and Bill seemed much more awake by three P.M.

Helen Faxon is all smiles again, — her son, George Faxon, F.C. 3-c who had just completed a ten week course at a fleet service school in Norfolk, Virginia, arrived home on Easter for a thirty-day leave.

Ann Little and Loretta Bezzie of Sample Lab. were pleased to learn in a recent letter, that their brother Francis Bezzie, was given the rating of Coxswain, on the U.S.S. Willoughby in the Pacific Area.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. "Pete" Lepage who are the parents of a daughter born on the twenty-first of March.

Wire Coating

Second Shift -- By Helen Burdick

Stevie Yanowski who has been sick is back with us again, but only for a short time. Stevie is now a private in the WACS and leaves soon to start basic training in Georgia. Good luck Stevie, we all will miss you.

Signs of Spring

Some sure signs of Spring in Wire Coating are Vic Anderson eating her green pepper sandwiches; Paul Sanford wearing white socks; The rest—the girls with rolled up slacks and, wearing blouses instead of sweaters.

Edith Dillon spent Easter week end in Boston. Edith eats a new kind of sandwich, her speciality is live chicken ones. How are you, Edith?

Resistor Standard Assembly

By "Pat" Shaffer

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MR. AND MRS. AMEEN ATTALA



The bride is the former Helen O'Brien of the Pay Roll Office at Brown Street Plant. The couple were married February 10, 1945.

P. A. A. Department

By Elsie Leja

What Would Happen If:
Laura Doran—didn't come in
Marion Parrino—could buy a roast pork
Mertis Barton—was short
Mary DiLego—didn't sputter about
the machine—etc.
Frances Karrey—got up from her chair
Viola Maruco—came down to earth
Viola Crosier—didn't have a cigarette
Mary Martell—didn't know the answer
Joe Garceau—didn't drum in time to
the recordings

The Payroll Girls would be up in the air, as to what happened!

Things were so quiet on Good Friday that Frank Stawarz wondered if his girls were in! !

Jennie Battory seems to be quite an attraction lately. Can it be she has been singing her version of "O Solo Mio"?

P.A.A. Solderers

Can You Imagine!

Dot. Shepherd—Without curly hair
Eva Boillat—Without water
Frances Kosiba—Without her son
Gloria Chiettini—Without that laugh
Jane Dufresne—Without her good nature
Marie Maxymillian—Without George
Blanche Cable—Without a smile
Rose Corsi—Without a rumba
Laura Nephew—

Without high bowling scores
Rita Card—Without her housework
Mary Walsh—Without her daily visitors
Peggy Daub—
Without a letter from "Eddie"
Ruth Toniatti—Working a full week!

Meter Multiplier Room

By Ceil Grenier and Helen Wager

Signs of Spring

Spring is here, and can you picture the following:

Helen Gagnon, Ruth Peterhansel, Elaine LaBonte and "Flo" Harris dipping heavily into sulphur and molasses... Mae Pecor losing her way up from the lunch room and being escorted to the right floor by "Ma" Bishop... Mary Fares tracking her blue garters to their hideout in a box... Diantha Bratcher forgetting to wash off her moustache... Isabel George mistaking her bridge for the juke box and dropping in a dime — The only tune it ever plays is "They're either too high or too low" ... Ceil Grenier reading a letter with that "certain look" in her eye.

Were those authentic pictures of our bowling gals—or imports from the South Seas?

Vera Barrows and Edith Duffy proved excellent cooks when they presented birthday cakes to Blanche Tatro and Minnie Geddes.

Louise Bonneau, a former co-worker, recently paid us a visit, accompanied by her son who is in the Service.

Girls! Can you picture our co-worker, Helen Wager, all propped up in bed on Easter morning, wearing a beautiful orchid—plus a few spots.

THE HILLS OF BASTOGNE

By 1st Lt. Bernard J. McKearney, Inf.

The crops should be full in Belgium next year
The soil should be fertile, but the price has been dear
The wheat should be red on the hills of Bastogne
For its roots have been drenched by the blood of our own.

Battered and reeling we stand in their way
It's here we are, and here we will stay
Embittered, wrathful, we watch our pals fall
God, where's the end, the end of it all?

Confident and powerful they strike at our lines
But we beat them back, fighting for time
Berserk with fury they are hitting us now
Flesh against steel -- we'll hold -- but how?

For each day that we stay more mothers must grieve
For each hill that we hold more men must we leave
Yes, honor the men who will someday come home
But pray for the men 'neath the hills of Bastogne.

Received from abroad by Ada Brookman of Ind. Oil

Resistor Dept.

By Bertha Salavantis

Any P.M. you want to see a good checker game in progress, just stop in Bowes' Cafe and you will find champion "Doc" Estes and "Fran" Falvey deeply engrossed in a game.

Who is the Sarong Girl of the Resistors? Why Valeda Daoust, of course! Anytime you want to be sure of a night of fun and entertainment, take Marie Lemieux along. She's the life of any party.

Welcome back to work, Lorraine. Your sweet smile and red hair is a rare combination.

Something I'd like to do on a nice sunny day is get a roll of films, a camera and Helen Jobin and Oh boy!

If you are having quite a time finding a painter and paper hanger, see Walt Burr. He does a good job and the fee is reasonable... a glass of beer!

Mathew J. Brady (Casey to his friends) received as a gift, a beautiful corsage of red roses, Easter Saturday from the Mt. Williams Greenhouse. Introduce me to your friends, Casey!

A late news bulletin: Instead of participating in the Easter Parade as is his usual custom, Casey spent Easter Sunday looking the fish streams over. We hope he will break his record of last year—when he caught a 300 pound tuna! Good luck Casey, from the gang!

Mica Assembly

By "Tra" and Eleanor

Congratulations to Micky and Eleanor Valotta, who are the proud parents of a baby girl.

We are curious to know the purpose of the trap door under Tillie Astorino's desk and chair. Let us know, some time, Tillie... Flash! Jack "Timber" Sullivan actually kept silence on Good Friday... While touring the Mica, ask Ned Kenyon to show you his art gallery — it's something to see... It's a cheap trick to stand a girl up, but it's a cheaper trick to stand two girls up — eh, Jake?... The Calibrating Line got quite a surprise when Frannie Moreau, formerly of that Department, paid them a visit...

We are glad to learn that "Jo" O'Connell is feeling better and hope she is back with us soon. If you get the chance — ask her how her "pin cushion" is now.

Our Safety Pup Says:

A MACHINE IS NO SAFER THAN THE OPERATOR



Yvonne Day and Viola Guilino welcome home their brother, Sgt. Albert Bourdon who was stationed overseas for 33 months. Albert saw action at Guadalecanal and wears the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon

Mica Molding and Impregnating

By Jessie Vallieres

When Don Adams returned to work from his sick-leave last week the "gang" presented him with a little gift. His reply was "Gosh, I didn't expect nuttin, I ain't no Boss!"

It seems that quite a few people are dieting "come Spring." Frank Jones is the most successful however, he lost two pounds last week.

You can stop running now, "Sarge", "Irish" is reversing her technique. She says the men will have to chase her.

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